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Upcoming Events

All events are at the council hall, unless otherwise noted.

- Council Business Mtg. May 2, 7:30 p.m.
- Possible Leisure Night May 5, 5:30 p.m.
- Scholarship Night
Pot Luck Dinner May 16, 6:00 p.m.
- State Convention (San Diego)
May 19-20
- Admissions Degree May 25, 7:00 p.m.
- Council Officers Mtg. May 31, 7:30 p.m.
- Council Business Mtg. June 6, 7:30 p.m.
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
- Possible Leisure Night June 9, 5:30 p.m.
- Ice Cream Social, GK June 20, 6:00 p.m.
- Admissions Degree June 22, 7:00 p.m.
- Council Officers Mtg. June 28, 7:30 p.m.

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Grand Knight's Message

Happy Easter Season! I want to thank everyone who responded to my message from last month. I heard from many of you regarding how you'd like to receive communication from the council, and we're putting that feedback in place to improve. I also heard many good comments about the *Mace*, and I'd like to thank Brother Ron Schoengold, his wife Arline, Brother Jim Schaaf, and everyone who helps to make the *Mace* such a valuable tool for communication with our members. How you receive the *Mace* is your choice; you can either receive it through email as a full-color PDF file, or through regular mail as a black-and-white document. We're happy to accommodate you with either method of delivery. Please inform Brother Ron Schoengold if you'd like to change how you're receiving the *Mace*.

If you'd like to step forward and help the Church and our Council, we have an opportunity for you to do so. Our Bingo team is looking for a few more volunteers to help us out on Monday nights at St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish. Did you know that for

the 12 months from July 2015 to June 2016, St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish received almost \$80,000 because of the work of our members and family who volunteer at Bingo? Imagine where the parish would be without the proceeds from Bingo. We need a few folks to step forward to join us. If you'd like to help every week, great! If you can only offer to help one or two nights a month, fantastic! Please see the message from Bob Rolufs in this edition of the *Mace*, and contact him, or me, if you or someone in your family would like to help us out in this ministry.

This month, we'll have our election of officers for the 2017-2018 Columbian year. All Third-Degree members are eligible to run for office, and all members are asked to come to the meeting to cast your vote. The report of nominees from last month can be found in the *Mace*, but nominations will be reopened at this month's meeting before the elections.

Fraternally,
John Pozniak

Chaplain's Message

Thank You, Jesus



womb and also supplied all of the genetic matter for his human body, since it was through her—not Joseph—that Jesus "was descended from David according to the

flesh" (Rom. 1:3). Since Mary is Jesus' mother, we must conclude that she is also the Mother of God: If Mary is the mother of Jesus, and if Jesus is God, then Mary is the Mother of God. There is no way out of this logical conclusion. Fr. Michael McGivney showed his reverence for Mary and prayed to her often. We are encouraged to follow his example when we pray for our special needs. As the mother of God, Mary is the great intervener. If you have a special need verbalize it to Mary and Venerable Michael J. McGivney. Share the results with your fellow Knights who need encouragement to accept the direction that God is showing us.

Fr. Joe

Council of Basel, Ferrara, Florence 1431-1445 A.D.

By Jim Schaaf

Held just 18 years after the Council of Constance, this Council was begun in Basel in 1431. Its principal reason was to bring Eastern Catholics into communion with the church and the Pope. After a few years, however, the council veered off track and the Pope at the time, Eugenius IV, moved it to Ferrara in 1438 ostensibly because the Eastern Bishops could reach it more easily. The underlying reason for the move was that the Council in Basel attempted to assert authority over the Pope. (Some of the recalcitrant Bishops in Basel, however, instead of going to Ferrara, elected their own anti-pope.) Ferrara, however, soon had a plague threat and the Council was again moved, this time to Florence, in 1439.

There were 25 sessions held in Basel, all of which were overturned at Ferrara. The 5th session at Ferrara transferred the Council to Florence.

Of the sessions at Florence, four of them, 8, 11, 13 and 14 dealt with the return to full communion with the Armenians, Copts, Syrians, Chaldeans and Maronites. Some, but not all, of the eastern lung of the church was now reunited with the western lung. Sessions 8 and 11 laid out some basic Catholic teaching and are worth repeating today.

Session 8. There are seven sacraments of the new Law, namely baptism, confirmation, Eucharist, penance, extreme unction, orders and matrimony, which differ greatly from the sacraments of the old Law. The latter were not causes of grace, but only prefigured the grace to be given through the passion of Christ; whereas the former, ours, both contain grace and bestow it on those who worthily receive them. The first five of these are directed to the spiritual perfection of each person in himself, the last two to the regulation and increase of the whole church.

Three of the sacraments, namely baptism, confirmation and orders, imprint indelibly on the soul a character, that is, a kind of a stamp, which distinguishes it from the rest. Hence they are not repeated in the same person. The other four, however, do not imprint a character and can be repeated.

The days of certain feasts were decreed to be: annunciation – March 25; birth of John the Baptist – June 24; birth of our Savior – December 25; circumcision – January 1; epiphany – January 6; and, presentation of our Lord in the temple (or the purification of the mother of God) – February 2.

Session 11. This session defined all inspired books of the Old and New Testaments.

The Council said it firmly believes, professes and preaches that never was anyone, conceived by a man and a woman, liberated from the devil's dominion except by faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the mediator between God and humanity, who was conceived without sin, was born and died. He alone by his death overthrew the enemy of the human race, cancelling our sins, and unlocked the entrance to the heavenly kingdom, which the first man by his sin had locked against himself and all his posterity.

The Council said it firmly believes, professes and preaches that all who are outside the catholic church, not only pagans but also Jews or heretics and schismatics, cannot share in eternal life and will go into the everlasting fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels, unless they are joined to the catholic church before the end of their lives ... and that nobody can be saved, no matter how much he has given away in alms and even if he has shed his blood in the name of Christ, unless he has persevered in the bosom and unity of the catholic church.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is discord, unity.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is error, truth.

Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light.

Where there is sadness, joy.

Oh Divine Master,

grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled, as to console;

to be understood, as to understand;

to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

it is in dying that we are born

to Eternal Life.

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Who's at Mass?

By Jim Schaaf

Do you ever wonder who's participating with you when you are at Mass? Of course you know that like the picture, the Saints in heaven (the Church triumphant), those in purgatory (the Church suffering), and those living on earth (the Church militant) are all in attendance. The Communion of Saints is an actuality, particularly during the Sacrifice of the Mass.

But what about those humans who are in the same church with you for the same Mass? Don't you ever wonder who they are and what's going on in their lives both temporally and spiritually? I like to think that maybe there is some great saint in our midst at Mass. Maybe even a depraved sinner whose is undergoing great repentance and conversion of heart is there. Possibly someone is near me whose life will be forever changed by the graces bestowed by this Mass. To me those thoughts are an important part of the Mass experience. You never know who is in attendance.

In 2012 Pat and I attended a Catholic Answers conference in Oceanside. The keynote speaker was the Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of San Diego, Cirilo Flores. A native southern Californian, he was a dynamic speaker who was so obviously in love with Jesus and the Faith that he had the audience in the palm of his hand in the first two minutes.

In the course of his address he mentioned that he went to Stanford University to obtain his law degree. While at Stanford he said he



attended Mass at the Newman Center, which at the time was celebrated in St. Anne's Chapel in Palo Alto. He went on to note that some "screwy" things were going on there at that time.

After his speech Pat and I went to talk with him. I, in particular, was interested in his comment about the Newman Center because that's where we went to Mass at about the same time as the future Bishop. He noted that after one particular Mass the pastor announced that he was being kicked out of the priesthood for having fallen in love with a woman and marrying her. Guess what? We were there too!!

Bishop Flores became the Bishop of the San Diego diocese in 2013 but had a stroke and died in 2014 at the young age of 66. May his soul rest in peace.

So, you never know who's with you at Mass – maybe even a future Bishop!

Prayer Requests



The following Brother Knights, their families, and friends are remembered in the monthly Rosary which is held each month prior to the Council's Business Meeting. If any member wishes to submit a name or remove a name from the list, please telephone the Fraternal Affairs Chairman, John Lehane, at 408-257-3452.

- Brother Joseph Adamo
- Brother Bill Copley's wife Carol
- Brother Frank Simon's wife Virginia
- Brother Art Salazar
- Brother Ron Miller's wife Shirley
- Brother Harry Tibbett's wife Diane
- Brother Harry Tibbett's mother-in-law Marie Dunajski
- Brother Paul Muller
- Brother John Lehane
- Brother Ted Wyess' wife Ann
- Elaine Steffens wife of Brother John Steffens
- Brother John Shields
- Brother Jim Mathews
- Shirley Ruzzo wife of Brother John Ruzzo
- Trisha McManaman daughter of Brother John Ruzzo
- Emilio Firpo father-in-law of Brother John Steffens

Deceased

- SK Jack Bottarini (5/22/16)
- Mary Cay Sherman, wife of Brother Dick Sherman (7/2/16)
- Brother Victor Huser (7/27/16)
- Rose Shields, daughter of John and Marilyne Shields (11/2/16)
- Madeline G. Neenan, wife of Brother John Neenan† (12/27/16)
- Rose Haney, widow of Brother Paul Haney, PGK (2/17/17)
- Olga Firpo, relative of Brother John Steffens (3/17)

Nomination of Officers — 2017-2018 Columbian Year

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Grand Knight: John Pozniak | Treasurer: John Steffens | Outside Guard: Jim Matthews |
| Deputy Grand Knight: Al Mellin | Advocate: Ron Schoengold | Trustee 3rd year: None |
| Chancellor: Bob Rolufs | Recorder: Joe Kenney | |
| Warden: None | Inside Guard: Dominic Guido | |



Treasurer's Report

Income for March 2017

Dues	\$ 80.00
Interest on Savings (Capital One)	7.80
Interest on Savings CD	25.08
Ladies Night	<u>280.00</u>

\$ 392.88

Expenses for March 2017

Charities	\$ 1,000.00
Council Rent	1,000.00
Ladies Night	574.90
MACE Printing	139.31
Postage	49.00
Vocations	<u>2,000.00</u>

\$ 4,763.21

Monthly Attendance Raffle

The winner of the monthly raffle was Rev. Normand Segovia who was not present. The raffle will be \$150 this month.

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

St. Joseph of Cupertino Hall
Cupertino, CA 95014

BINGO HELP WANTED!

THE MONEY WE RAISE GOES TO CHARITY

VOLUNTEER

Every Monday

Every Other Monday

Once a Month on Monday

Be On Call

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- John McCrory
- Thomas Stack
- Robert Manning
- Mark Wright
- James Cadatal
- Kevin Sullivan
- John Pozniak
- Patrick Kwok

May your life be long and joyfull!

Think You Are Too Old for Coverage? Maybe Not

You are never too young or too old to consider purchasing life insurance. If you have a financial need for coverage, or will in the future, a permanent life insurance policy can be just the thing you need.

When you are young and presumably healthy, coverage will be very inexpensive when compared to purchasing the same policies when you are older.

If you've put off purchasing coverage, or you realize that you may need additional insurance, the Order may still be able to help you, even if other companies cannot. In fact, in 2012, the issue age of our permanent life insurance products was extended to age 80, and in 2014, the issue age of our term insurance was extended to age 70. Naturally, your health, and whether or not you smoke, will be taken

into consideration, so underwriting standards for risk and age apply. But, the extensions are a great blessing for me – and it could be for you too. Now I can help members that I couldn't help before. Are you or one of your brother Knights one of those members?

Whether you're 18 or 80, the Knights of Columbus has products that will work for you and your family. I look forward to discussing coverage with you.

Thank you,
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Bob Rolufs

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Joe Kenney

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Joe Kenney

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& Rosary Visitation

John Lehane

Food for Families

*Dick Sherman/
Bob Rolufs*

People with

Intellectual Disabilities

Bob Rolufs

Mass of Reparation

Dominic Guido

Community Projects

Round Table Members

Breakfast Supreme

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Council Director

John Lehane

Fraternal Affairs

John Lehane

First Degree Team

John Pozniak

Public Relations

open

Website

Ron Schoengold

Communications

Ron Schoengold

Past Grand Knights Dinner

Bob Rolufs

Special Appreciation Night

Patrick Kwok

Building Manager

John Lehane

McGivney Pilgrimage

John Pozniak

Family Director

Bob Rolufs

Leisure Nights

Bob Rolufs

Memorial Mass

John Lehane

Ladies Night

John Steffens

Ice Cream Social

Grand Knight Elect

Christmas Dinner

Ron Schoengold

Annual Picnic

Bob Rolufs

Youth Director

John Lehane

Scholarship Program

John Lehane

Altar Servers Appreciation

John Shields

Free Throw Contest

Dominic Guido

Essay Contest

John Lehane

Membership & Retention

Council Officers



SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Social 6:00 p.m.

Pot-Luck Dinner 7:00 p.m.

The Council will provide a menu of ham, turkey, bread and dessert.

Please bring a side dish or salad to share.

The essay winners from Queen of Apostles, Sacred Heart, St. Joseph of Cupertino schools will read their essays and receive their scholarship checks at the dinner.

Additional donations will also be given to each school



Visitation and Rosary Prayer Group



Brother Knights of St. Francis of Assisi Council 4981 conduct a Rosary Prayer Service for the Catholic patients at the Cupertino Wellness Center every Wednesday at 10 a.m. These Knights are John Lehane, John Steffens, John Ruzzo and Dick Sherman.

Each Knight takes one week of the month as his commitment. If he is not available for his week, he trades his week with one of the other Knights. To date, this has proved successful. The patients meet with four different individuals of a strong Catholic faith and each individual knight only has to commit to one weekday a month.

May 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 30	May 1 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	2 7:30pm Council Business Meeting	3	4	5 5:30pm Possible Leisure Night	6
7	8 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	16 6:00pm Scholarship Night Pot Luck Dinner (Hall)	17	18	19 State Convention (San Diego)	20
21	22 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	23	24	25 7:00pm Admissions Degree	26	27
28	29 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	30	31 7:30pm Council Officers Meeting	Jun 1	2	3

June 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 28	29	30	31	Jun 1	2	3
4	5 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	6 7:30pm Council Business Meeting (ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2017-2018)	7	8	9 5:30pm Possible Leisure Night	10
11	12 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	20 6:00pm Ice Cream Social GK (Hall)	21	22 7:00pm Admissions Degree	23	24
25	26 6:30pm BINGO (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	27	28 7:30pm Council Officers Meeting	29	30	Jul 1

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